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Maury County Fair returns this week

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The Maury County Fair & Expo Livestock Show returns this week with a full weekend of rides, events, a rodeo and more.

In addition to popular events like motocross and beef shows, the rodeo will return to Maury County Fair Aug. 28, Bulls, Broncs and Barrels starting at 7 p.m. in the back arena.

According to fair representatives, the annual weekend of fun will be bigger, bring more food and more activities, including a 5k run.

Maury County Fair President Randy Zeigler said this year will be bigger, better and more expansive in all areas.

“We have a lot of new things this year and have expanded the fairgrounds for the first time ever,” Zeigler said.

“We’ve added more rides, and even have a few dragons that will be coming, and these are some pretty realistic dragons, which we are excited about. We’ve also got a huge petting zoo, and our food court has almost doubled in size, as well as our non-food vendors. They have expanded quite a bit.”

The 2025 Maury County Fair will also introduce the first My Day 5K and one-mile trot starting at 8 a.m. Saturday, with proceeds benefiting the King’s Daughters’ School, Maury County Special Olympics and Best Buddies of Tennessee.

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A contestant competes in a bareback bronc riding event in the rodeo at the Maury County Fair in Columbia on Aug. 29, 2024.
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A rendering shows the concessions area of the new Concourse A at Nashville International Airport. It incorporates floor-to-ceiling windows, multiple indoor trees and a second story of seating.

Nashville airport starts \$855M Concourse remodel

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When one new concourse opens, another one closes. That’s been the rule at Nashville International Airport as of late.

The airport debuted its newest Concourse D expansion on July 8, and it immediately began shutting down Concourse A in preparation for the next renovation.

BNA released a first look at the newest renderings of the \$855 million Concourse A remodel on Aug. 19.

“It’s a game of musical chairs,” Metro Nashville Airport Authority Board President and CEO Doug Kreulen said in July. “The beauty is we’re at 54 gates today, and we’re still there when (Concourse) A shuts down.”

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Exterior design plans for the new Concourse A at Nashville International Airport include an open air patio beside Gate A3.
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Court says TN’s prohibition of guns in parks violates Second Amendment

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A three-judge panel struck down the State of Tennessee’s law prohibiting people from bringing guns into public parks.

The ruling came after three gun owners, along with two gun rights organizations, Gun Owners of America, Inc. and Gun Owners Foundation, sued the state in February 2023 over the law. The law made it a crime to bring guns to parks in most circumstances.

The panel ruled against the state’s argument that it did not have jurisdiction to strike down a criminal statute and that the gun owners and gun rights organizations do not have standing to bring the lawsuit.

It instead found the Tennessee law violated the Second Amendment and Tennessee Constitution because the “Tennessee Constitution cannot afford its citizens fewer protections with regard to the right to keep and bear arms than the United States Constitution.”

“Thus [plaintiffs] argue, while Article I, Section 26 (of the Tennessee Constitution) may provide greater protections than the Second Amendment, the Second Amendment establishes a ‘floor’ of protections that the Tennessee’s Constitution [sic] cannot fail to also provide,” the court wrote in its ruling.

That argument required the plaintiffs to prove that the law fell within the scope of the Second Amendment before the burden shifted to the state justifying its prohibition. The court agreed with the plaintiffs, saying the prohibition fell under the Second Amendment.

The court reasoned that the term “going armed,” has traditionally meant traveling with a weapon and the intent to threaten the lives of others. In Tennessee, however, the court said the term has traditionally been used to

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